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Area Law Enforcement Officers to Attend One-Day Drug Diversion Summit

On Wednesday July 13, 2011, Purdue Pharma L.P. and the Beaverton Police Department will host a one-day interactive training summit on drug diversion and how it impacts law enforcement.

The summit training is presented by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma as part of an overall effort to help combat illegal trafficking and abuse of prescription drugs. Purdue Corporate Security will provide the training.

Law enforcement officers from Oregon and Washington will be present; including officers from Beaverton, Oregon City, Forest Grove, Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.

The summit will address a range of drug diversion issues, which include: prescription drug identification, lawful and unlawful prescribing by healthcare professionals, prevention of diversion, pharmacy theft and pharmaceutical counterfeiting. Attendees will also learn how illegal trafficking and abuse of medications can create problems for people who have a legitimate need for these medicines.

The sessions will also highlight the **RxPATROL®** program, a web-based information clearinghouse developed and funded by Purdue Pharma to collect, analyze and disseminate information on pharmacy crime in order to assist law enforcement efforts to apprehend suspects and to help pharmacists guard against robberies and burglaries.

While these educational programs are designed for law enforcement officials, there are steps citizens can take to combat prescription drug abuse. Prescription drug abuse is a serious public health problem. According to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 70% of people 12 and older who abuse prescription drugs say they get them from friends or relatives.

Parents should:

- Secure medications in the home.
- Encourage friends and relatives to safeguard their medications.
- Locate area law enforcement agencies with prescription drug turn in programs, for disposing of medications that are no longer needed.

Where/When:

***** Media is invited between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. for question/ answer session.**

Date: Wednesday, July 13
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Embassy Suites Portland – 9000 SW Washington Square

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